

# Utah State Water Plan - West Desert Basin

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## Foreword

Utah's *State Water Plan*, prepared and distributed in 1990, provides the foundation and overall direction for state water management and policies. It established policies and guidelines for statewide water planning, conservation and development. As a part of the state water planning process, more detailed plans are prepared for each of the hydrologic basins within the state. The West Desert Basin Plan is the eleventh and final of such reports. This plan covers all aspects of Utah's water resources in the West Desert Basin which includes western Box Elder County, Tooele County and the western portions of Juab, Millard, Beaver, and Iron counties. It identifies alternative ways to solve problems and meet demands. Final decisions on selecting alternatives for implementation will be made by local decision-makers.

The West Desert Basin Plan provides valuable water-related public information, encourages community and economic growth, provides opportunity for local, state and federal cooperation, identifies water supplies and needs, and promotes local involvement in water planning. Planning requires the active participation of people who have a stake in how the plan is carried out. If the voices of local and regional public entities and individuals are heard in the early stages, there will be broader support for actions recommended in the plan.

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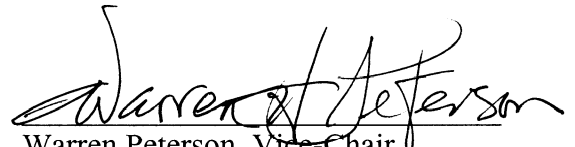
The Board of Water Resources gratefully acknowledges the dedicated efforts of the State Water Plan Coordinating Committee and Steering Committee in preparing the West Desert Basin Plan. Work was led by the planning staff of the Division of Water Resources, with valuable assistance from individual coordinating committee members representing state agencies with water-related missions. Their standards of professionalism and dedication to improving Utah's natural resources base are essential ingredients of this basin plan.


We also appreciate input from representatives of local, state and federal cooperating entities and especially the local West Desert Basin Plan planning advisory group. Individuals from these entities provided a broad spectrum of expertise from a wide variety of interests.

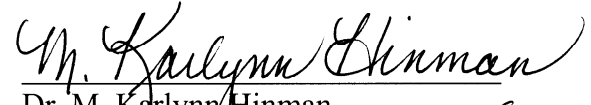
In addition, we extend a sincere thanks to the people who attended meetings throughout the basin and provided oral and written comments to the West Desert Basin Plan. Public input is imperative in the water planning process if a successful state water plan is to be obtained.

In endorsing this plan, as with previous basin plans, we reserve the right to consider individual water projects on their own merits. This basin plan is an important guide for water development in the West Desert Basin.

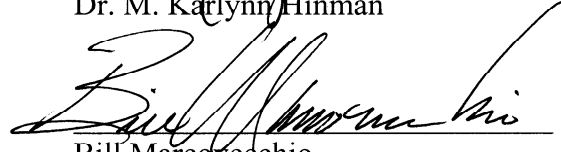
  
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